

Appl. No.: New Div. Application of SN 09/146,957
Filed: HEREWITH
Preliminary Amendment Dated: July 2, 2003

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

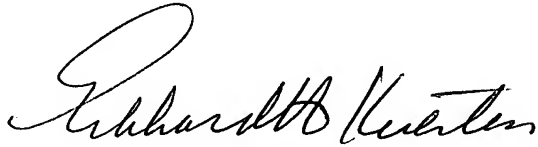
Favorable consideration of this application as presently amended and in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

Claims 16-26 are active in this case, Claims 1-15 canceled, and Claims 16-26 added by the present Preliminary Amendment.

Accordingly, examination on the merits of Claims 16-26 is believed to be in order, and an early and favorable action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully Submitted,

OBLON, SPIVAK, McCLELLAND,
MAIER, & NEUSTADT, P.C.



Eckhard H. Kuesters
Registration No. 28,870



22850

Tel.: (703) 413-3000

Fax: (703) 413-2220

I:\ATTY\EHK\AMEND-RESPONSES\0039\239592-PRE AMT.DOC